

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM
Tulare County Museum at Mooney Grove

November 15, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION
Museum-Mooney Grove

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Correspondence**
- 5. Public Comments**
- 6. Museum Curator Input**
 - A. School Visits in September – 0 schools, 0 kids, 0 adults, 0 total.**
 - B. School Visits in October – 4 schools, 217 kids, 35 adults, 252 total.**
 - C. Total Museum (not including school visits) Visitors for the month of September –1197 adults, 393 kids, 1590 total ****in September of 2017 there were 443 adults, 241 kids, 684 total.**
Total Museum (not including school visits) Visitors for the month of October –750 adults, 322 kids, 1072 total **in October of 2017 there were 692 adults, 448 kids, 1140 total.******
 - D. Donations –**
 - Ellen Nickell has 24 ladies hats, some with hat boxes, that are circa 1930s-1950s worn by Billie Harrell, long time Visalia resident.**
 - Tamara Galli has a piano that was owned by the Emma Zumwalt.**
 - Arveta Inman has a blouse and skirt that belonged to Annie Mitchell estate.**
 - Thomas Stroben has a cotton hoe that he would like to donate and then also a gendron wagon that he would like to loan to the museum.**
 - Diane Rich has a Visalia Oaks seat cushion for the Visalia baseball team before they changed their name to Rawhide.**
 - Dan Tarbell has a buggy that belonged to his great grandfather from Badger in 1906. He took it to Big Stump and it is all original metal with new wood.**
 - E. Maintenance, Exhibits, and Events: Regular cleaning is being done. Our volunteers Bob and Stan have restored the two signs near the caboose, one says Woodlake and one says Visalia. They also fixed a broken step on the caboose and built shelves for the cases in Surprise School. They are now working on the Surprise School porch. The museum staff put together a display for the Tulare County Fair in September to promote**

the museum. The WWI display was installed and Amy went with veterans to speak to classrooms at several schools. The WWI Centennial Commemoration event on Sunday, November 11 was well attended and went very smoothly.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Budget Status-Encumbrances and Expenditures**
- B. Farm Equipment Project**

8. New Business – Brian Blain is interested in the Merle’s sign for his museum.

9. Announcements – The annual fundraiser was on Sunday, October 7 and was very successful. We were able to raise about \$15,000! Saturday, November 3 was Museum Day for the Fresno Museum Alliance. Amy will be meeting with a new volunteer at the end of the month.

10. Curator Report – Amy attended the California Native American Day in Sacramento on Friday, September 28. Amy spoke at the Woodlake Rotary on October 4 to promote the museum and historical society. Amy attended the County Center Rotary meeting on October 16 at Brian Blain’s house/museum. Amy attended the Western Museum Association conference in Tacoma, WA to learn more about small museums, deaccession, engaging young audiences, and much more!

11. Next Meeting: January 17, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment